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Letter dated 8 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated July 2015 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, Ibrahim Al-Jaafari addressed to the Secretary-General regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohamed Ali **Alhakim**
Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations

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Annex to the letter dated 8 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) should be extended for a further period of one year through 31 July 2016, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 1770 (2007). The Government of Iraq would also like the Mission to continue to provide assistance and advice, upon the request of the Government.

The Government of Iraq reaffirms the importance of the role of the United Nations, and of UNAMI in particular, in providing advice, support and assistance to the Iraqi people and the Government. Iraq is passing through an extremely sensitive and dangerous stage of its contemporary history, and today faces enormous challenges as it fights, on behalf of the world, against terrorist groups, in the form of the gangs of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. As a result of the actions of those terrorists, over 2 million members of Iraqi families have been displaced from their homes and forced to leave their businesses in the areas under the control of those terrorist groups. Iraq is in dire need of the assistance of UNAMI in providing for the logistical requirements to ensure a decent life for those displaced families.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim **Al-Jaafari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs